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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Fort George G. Meade Policy Memorandum #74, Dog Park Rules

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to establish local rules governing the use of the Fort George G. Meade (FGGM) Dog Park, also known as the "Bark" Park.

2. References:

- a. AR 215-1, Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs and Non-Appropriated Funds Instrumentalities, 24 September 2010.
- b. FGGM Regulation 40-22, Registration and Control of Animals, 27 September 2005.
- 2. The Fort Meade Community may use the Dog Park IAW with AR 215-1, Para 7-1 Eligibility rules.
- 3. The Dog Park is managed under the FGGM Regulation 215-1, Burba Park Recreation Areas, 31 July 1999. Outdoor Recreation (ODR) responsibilities are as follows:
- a. Staff will supply dog waste stations for owners to deposit bagged dog waste and stations will be emptied daily. Bags will be supplied but pet owners will have some as well.
 - b. Staff will empty trash receptacles daily.
 - c. Staff will call in work orders when maintenance issues arise.
 - d. Staff will police grounds daily for waste or trash that is on the ground.
- e. Outdoor Recreation Staff are not responsible for handling complaints from customers about rules not being followed or patrons not controlling pets according to the Fort George G. Meade Pet Regulation. They will be referred to Directorate of Emergency Services Animal Control Officer.

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4. The Fort Meade Animal Control Officer responsibilities will be to randomly police the site to ensure that pet owners are abiding by the rules and policies set forth in the SOP and the Fort George G. Meade Pet Regulation. People who cannot follow the rules shall be subject to fines or termination of privileges as set forth under the authority of the Animal Control Officer.

5. Pet Owners Responsibilities:

- a. Park use is at the dog owners risk and owners assume all risks related to the liabilities associated with this activity. ODR, Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) or Fort George G. Meade is not responsible for patron or dog behavior or any injury to pet or patrons while in the park as a result of pets or pet owners behavior. Pets are the property of the owner and thus the owner's responsibility.
- b. Users must read and agree to the terms and conditions that will be posted at the Dog Park. Copies of the park rules will also be posted on the DFMWR and Fort George G. Meade web sites. Copies may be obtained at the ODR, 2300 Wilson Street.
- c. Pet owners will self police. When necessary, contact the emergency phone numbers posted on the sign at the park for assistance with unruly dogs or patrons.
 - d. Pet owners will supply their own water and dog waste bags.
- 6. The point of contact for this information is the Manager, Outdoor Recreation manager at (301) 677-6447.

EDWARD C. ROTHSTEIN
Colonel, Military Intelligence

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FORT MEADE DOG PARK RULES HOURS: DAWN TO DUSK

PARK USERS & DOG OWNERS ASSUME ALL RISK RE-LATED TO PARK USE - <u>ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK</u> BY EN-TERING THIS PARK YOU AGREE TO ASSUME ALL DUTIES AND RELEASES OF LIABILITY.

- Dogs must be licensed and vaccinated with tags displayed on collar.
- Dogs must enter and exit on a maximum 6 ft leash.
- No more than two (2) dogs per person allowed.
- No children under the age of fourteen (14) in fenced area.
- No animals other than dogs permitted.
- Dogs must be at least six (6) months old.
- Dogs in season or displaying signs of illness are prohibited.
- · Dogs must be in sight and under voice control of owner at all times.
- Dogs showing aggression or playing too rough, must be removed immediately.
- No food of any kind (human or dog treats) allowed. No glass containers on site.
- No toys other than tennis balls or flying disc are allowed.
- Do not allow dogs to dig. Owners will incur expense to fill all holes.
- Owners must collect and properly dispose of all dog waste.
- Owners will be responsible for injuries to other people or pets.
- Any dog with a history of biting is prohibited.

All dog bites must be reported to Military Police

Military Police— 301-677-6622

Emergencies—911

Outdoor Recreation-301-677-3810

Dog Park rules will be enforced by DES according to FGGM Regulation 40-22, Registration and Control of Animals. Violating posted rules may result in loss of privilege to use dog park.